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**Edgar Allan Poe**

SWBAT recognize how tragic events in Poe's life influenced his writing by viewing a film biography

1. How did Poe "see women"?
2. Why and how did Poe's mother support her family?
3. How might Poe's mother's death have influenced him?
4. Describe Poe's teenage years.
5. In college, how did Poe start exhibiting his artistic gifts?
6. Why did Poe join the army?
7. What was Poe's "deepest desire"?
8. Why was "family" an important aspect of Poe's life?
9. How was Poe viewed when he was an editor?
10. How did the possibility of losing Virginia impact Poe?
11. How did Poe avoid the scandal of marrying Virginia?
12. How did being abandoned when he was younger contribute to a "pattern" in his later life?
13. Poe is often attributed with creating the American "Detective Story." Why do the literary critics determine that he did this?
14. What story was "close" to Poe and for what reason?

15. What was Poe's most significant literary success?
16. How did "The Raven" help Poe deal with his own tragedy?
17. How did poverty influence Poe's sanity?
18. How did her death change Poe?
19. In what poem did Poe attempt to immortalize Virginia?
20. Why was the engagement to Helen Whitman broken?
21. Why was Poe's death in Baltimore a mystery?
22. Why did Poe not meet financial success with his writing?

**ASSESSMENT:**

Of all of Poe's tragedies, which do you believe had the most significant impact on his psyche? Why? Which had the most impact on his writing? Why?